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Please Note: New vendors and subcontractors must supply all of the required paperwork (Appendix I, Financial Statement, and 3 Reference Letters) and must register in the Online Representations and Certification Application (ORCA). In addition, all Vendors must also be registered in the CCR within 48 hours after bid opening or your company may be considered non-responsive.

Marketing and FV-304 Regulatory Programs

Fruit and Vegetable Programs

Agricultural Marketing Service

Date Issued: November 10, 2005

Canned Dried Beans, Announcement FV-304, Invitation 015

Washington, DC 20250

The Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offers to sell canned dried beans as indicated below and per the Announcement for use in needy family and other domestic food assistance programs. Offers are due by 1 p.m., Central Time, Wednesday, November 23, 2005. Acceptances will be announced by midnight, Friday, December 2, 2005. Deliveries are to be made from January 1, 2006 through May 15, 2006.

Offers are invited from the trade for:

Vegetarian Beans

24/#300 cans

19,890 cases

No offer will be made to 8(a) vendors on this invitation.

Offerors are advised that if they cannot supply the products for the first delivery period (01/01/06 - 01/15/06), please do not bid on them.

- All prime vendors are reminded that they are prohibited from subcontracting with companies or individuals that have been suspended or debarred.
- All invitations with orders for the state of New York must have the pack date stamped on the outside of each carton. The pack date should be annotated as per the following example: (05/01/2003). Orders for the state of New York requiring this special marking will be indicated by (**). This applies to New York orders "Only," if and when they appear on an invitation.

Note:

Effective August 1, 2005, Contractors are required to submit Annual Representations and Certifications via the Online Representation and Certifications Application (ORCA), a part of Business Partner Network (BPN). The internet address for registering in ORCA is http://orca.bpn.gov. The representations and certifications are effective until one year from the date of submission or update to ORCA. A revised abbreviated appendix 1 dated August 2005 will be required for contractors registering via the ORCA system. A notice to the trade regarding this requirement was issued on June 28, 2005 at

http://www.ams.usda.gov/fv/cp/tradenotices.htm



However, Contractors who have previously (prior to August 1, 2005) submitted the Appendix 1 for calendar year 2005 will be relieved from the ORCA online registration until the expiration of the Appendix 1.

Bids must be submitted electronically via the Domestic Electronic Bid Entry System (DEBES) on the Internet. Offerors who submit bids using other than DEBES, will be deemed non-responsive. Offeror must be assigned a Logon ID by USDA to access the site. The Internet address is: http://pcsd.usda.gov/debes which translates into a connection of https://pcsd.usda.gov:3077/mdbc1000.exe? Once connected, follow the online procedures. A 'HELP' button provides detailed instructions for using the system or call 202-720-4517 for assistance.

Bidders are cautioned to bid only quantities they can reasonably expect to produce and deliver in accordance with the contract. Inquiries about Announcement FV-304, Appendix-1, the Commodity Specification for Canned Dried Beans, or this Invitation should be directed to the Contracting Officer, USDA/AMS/Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Commodity Procurement Branch STOP 0239, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, DC 20250-9410, telephone (202) 720-4517. An electronic version of this invitation can be obtained through the World Wide Web via the Commodity Procurement Home Page at http://www.ams.usda.gov/cp.

Purchases will be made on a delivered basis, subject to Announcement FV-304, to the listed locations. Delivery by trucks or railcars is optional to the contractor, except for those destination(s) which specify delivery by truck only or rail only.

Split shipments are indicated by a single asterisk. *

ANNOUNCEMENT : FV304

INVITATION : 015
COMM GROUP : 41 BEANS, DRIED, CANNED
COMM TYPE : 13 BEANS, VEGETARIAN, CANNED
PACK SIZE : 30 24/#300 CAN

ITEM DESTINATION TRANS NO CITY ST RESTR	QUANTITY PRICE PER (CSE)	
DELIVERY PERIOD 01/01/06 - 01/15/06		
001 CENTRAL ISLIP NY TRUCK ONLY	1,530(*	*)
002 KANSAS CITY MO	1,530	
003 GARDEN GROVE CA TRUCK ONLY	1,530	
DELIVERY PERIOD 01/16/06 - 01/31/06		
004 LAS CRUCES NM TRUCK ONLY	1,530	
DELIVERY PERIOD 02/01/06 - 02/15/06		
005 DENVER CO TRUCK ONLY	1,530	
006 KANSAS CITY MO	1,530	
DELIVERY PERIOD 02/16/06 - 02/28/06		
007 CARTHAGE MO	1,530	
DELIVERY PERIOD 03/01/06 - 03/15/06		
008 CARTHAGE MO	3,060	
009 KANSAS CITY MO	1,530	
DELIVERY PERIOD 05/01/06 - 05/15/06		
010 CENTRAL ISLIP NY TRUCK ONLY	1,530(**)
011 GALLUP NM TRUCK ONLY	1,530	
012 HELENA MT TRUCK ONLY	1,530	

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TOTAL QUANTITY FOR INVITATION

19,890

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